

Remarks

By this Amendment, Applicant seeks to revise dependent claim 5 to depend from claim 1 instead of claim 2 and to revise dependent claim 18 to depend from claim 13 instead of claim 14.

The amendments to claims 5 and 18, which are revisions to the dependencies of these claims, are necessary to avoid making these claims unduly narrow. The amendments to claims 5 and 18 would not require any additional search or examination because: (1) claim 5 as amended would depend from allowed independent claim 1; and (2) claim 18 as amended would depend from allowed independent claim 13. After review, it is believed that claims 5 and 18 would satisfy all requirements for depending directly from claims 1 and 13, respectively.

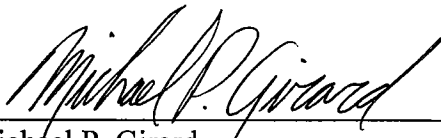
The amendments to claims 5 and 18 were not presented earlier based on oversight in appreciating that these claims could depend directly from the independent claims, and that their dependency from intervening claims was unnecessary.

Applicant believes that no more than a cursory review of the record is necessary. Should the Examiner require any additional information, he is requested to contact Applicant's representative by telephone.

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